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Dallas Recalls JFK Death at His Memorial

Dallas, Nov. 22 (UPI) — The tall, wiry-haired young man knelt next to the black granite slab in the middle of the John F. Kennedy memorial. From inside his heavy wool windbreaker he pulled one long-stemmed red rose wrapped in wax paper to protect it from the cold and rain that shrouded the city today.

He unwrapped the rose and placed it atop the slab. He knelt there silently for a minute, then stood up and with his head bowed, backed away.

Eight years ago—Nov. 22, 1963—Lee Harvey Oswald perched on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository and fired three shots from a mail order rifle, killing the 35th President of the United States.

Three-Minute Tribute

Two blocks from where the president was slain, 200 persons gathered inside the open tomb of the Kennedy memorial in a 3-minute tribute.

Today's memorial consisted of three short prayers and a 45-second speech by Mayor Wes Wise.

"Let us declare today that we will renew ourselves in the spirit of John F. Kennedy and for the ideals he stood for," said Wise, himself, a young, Kennedyesque politician.

Young and Old

Around the inside of the 50-foot square memorial huddled seven children who held a piece of canvas above their heads to protect them from the rain and an elderly man in a white raincoat who throughout the service held his brown felt hat over his heart.

Mayor Wise placed a circular wreath made of multicolored flowers at one end of the granite slab. At the other end was a pot of yellow chrysanthemums.